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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~A method of identifying an~~ An edge switch of a packet – based communication network, the edge switch having a port to which a specified user is connected ~~comprises~~
~~(a) sending a~~ is identified. A unicast request packet is sent from a policy server to the specified user, the unicast request packet including destination address data and a selected identification code; ~~(b) detecting the.~~ The selected identification code is detected at said the port; ~~(c) diverting the.~~ The packet is diverted to a management agent for the switch; and ~~(d) returning to the server~~ an identification of the switch and the user is returned to the server.